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INFORMATIONAL NOTICE

TO: Participating Medical Providers

RE: Notice of New Temporary KidCare Medical Benefits

Beginning May 3, 2004, the department will begin streamlining enrollment for children by taking advantage of a presumptive eligibility strategy established in federal law and used successfully by other states. To implement presumptive eligibility (PE), a new Notice of Temporary KidCare Medical Benefits will be issued to persons under the age of 19 who are deemed presumptively eligible for medical benefits administered by the department. The temporary eligibility notice will be issued on an 8½" x 11" sheet of paper rather than a MediPlan Card. A sample notice is attached (Attachment 1).

Persons with the temporary coverage are eligible for all medical services covered under the Medical Assistance Programs. Participant co-payments should not be assessed during the temporary coverage period. Providers will be reimbursed at the regular medical assistance rates with no deductions for co-payments.

If a child is without private or state-funded health insurance, an application for KidCare can be made on the same day as service is provided. **The new PE strategy will allow providers to give services to such children with reasonable assurance that they will be paid, if an application is faxed to the Central KidCare Unit on the same date and the following requirements are met: the family meets income guidelines; the child has not received PE coverage within one of the last 12 months, and; the child meets the citizenship/immigration requirements.** Refer to the Temporary KidCare Medical Benefits Fact Sheet (Attachment 2) for additional information on PE coverage requirements. In addition, providers will be able to immediately refer children to a specialist, if necessary.

A chart is attached (Attachment 3) showing the applicable income ranges for a family (children and parents) in order for the child(ren) to qualify for KidCare. Providers can assist families with the application (Form 2378 KC) at the point of service or ask families to fill out the application while waiting. For providers not enrolled as KidCare Application Agents (KCAA) the application may be faxed to 217-785-1647. The application can be found online at http://www.kidcareillinois.com/application_kc.html.

The temporary coverage through PE may start and stop in the middle of a month when regular medical assistance eligibility is approved or denied. It is the responsibility of the provider to verify a patient's eligibility prior to providing services. Eligibility can be verified by using any of the following sources:

- The Medical Electronic Data Interchange (MEDI) Internet site at <http://www.myidpa.com>,
- Your REV vendor, or
- The Automated Voice Response System (AVRS) by calling 1-800-842-1461.

Questions regarding this notice should be directed to the department's Provider Hotline at 1-800-842-1461. Thank you for your assistance in making this new coverage program a success.

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NOTICE OF TEMPORARY KIDCARE MEDICAL BENEFITS

Do not discard this notice

Name and Address:

Date:

Case Number:

We have approved Temporary KidCare medical benefits for the following persons:

Name	Birth Date	Recipient Identification Number
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KidCare will cover medical benefits for these person(s) starting _____.

Take this notice with you to your doctor, hospital, pharmacy or other medical provider. It has all the information that your medical provider needs to bill KidCare for medical services. Make sure the doctor, pharmacy or other medical provider accepts KidCare.

Temporary KidCare will last until we finish reviewing your application. We will send you another notice if we approve your application for medical benefits or KidCare Rebate.

If we deny your application, Temporary KidCare will end right away. We will send you a notice that we denied your application for medical benefits. Your medical benefits may end a few days before you get that notice.

Only children and teenagers can get Temporary KidCare while we review your application. If you have applied for FamilyCare or other medical benefits for someone age 19 or older, we will send you a notice later to tell you if they can get medical benefits.

If you have a question about your application, please contact your local office listed below.

If you have a question about medical services or how to find a medical provider who accepts KidCare, please call 1-866-4-OUR-KIDS (1-866-468-7543) (TTY: 1-877-204-1012).

Use this notice if your children need medical care. Keep this notice until you get a medical benefits card or a notice that you are not eligible for medical benefits.

<p>Notice to Providers: To verify eligibility on the date of service for the children named above, use the MEDI Web site at <http://www.myidpa.com>, your REV vendor or IDPA's Automated Voice Response System (AVRS).</p>

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Temporary KidCare Medical Benefits Fact Sheet



Your child may get Temporary KidCare Medical Benefits while we review your application.

Children and teenagers can get Temporary KidCare if all of the following are true.

- T They are U.S. citizens or meet immigration requirements.
- T They have not gotten Temporary KidCare in the past 12 months.
- T Their monthly family income is no more than the amounts shown in the chart below.

Number in family ¹	1	2	3	4	5	6
Monthly income	\$1,552	\$2,082	\$2,612	\$3,142	\$3,672	\$4,202

¹For larger families, call the toll-free number below. The amounts in this chart may increase each year.

Things to Know about Temporary KidCare Medical Benefits

- T If your child qualifies, you will get a Notice of Temporary KidCare Medical Benefits in the mail. It will list each eligible child by name and birth date.
- T The notice will have all the information a doctor or other medical provider needs to bill KidCare for your child's medical care.
- T You will only get one Temporary KidCare notice, so please keep it.
- T Temporary KidCare covers all medical services your child needs. These include doctor visits, prescriptions, hospital services, dental, eye care, shots and more.
- T You do not have to pay co-payments or premiums for Temporary KidCare.

Can I get Temporary KidCare for adults in my home?

Only children and teenagers through age 18 can receive Temporary KidCare.

What happens to Temporary KidCare when my application is approved?

If your application for medical benefits is approved, Temporary KidCare will end. We will send you another notice to tell you which benefits your child will get.

What happens to Temporary KidCare if my application is denied?

Temporary KidCare coverage will end right away if your child is not eligible for medical benefits. We will send you a notice to tell you this.

If my application is denied, will I have to pay for medical care Temporary KidCare covered?

No. Temporary KidCare covers medical care your child gets while we review your application even if we decide your child cannot keep getting medical benefits.

Where can I get more information about Temporary KidCare?

Call the office where you applied for medical benefits or call toll-free 1-866-4-OUR-KIDS (1-866-468-7543). If you use a TTY, call 1-877-204-1012.

**2004 Annual KidCare Income Standards
"Family Health Plans"**

Family Size	Family Health Spdn Std	Parent Assist (Family Care)	100% FPL	KidCare Assist under 133%	KidCare Share 133% -150%	KidCare Premium 150% - 200%	KidCare Rebate 133% - 200%	KidCare Moms & Babies 200%
1	\$3,396	\$8,376	\$9,310	\$12,384 and under	\$12,396 to \$13,968	\$13,980 to \$18,624	\$12,396 to \$18,624	-----
2	\$4,500	\$11,244	\$12,490	\$16,608 and under	\$16,620 to \$18,732	\$18,744 to \$24,984	\$16,620 to \$24,984	\$24,984 and under
3	\$6,096	\$14,100	\$15,670	\$20,844 and under	\$20,856 to \$23,508	\$23,520 to \$31,344	\$20,856 to \$31,344	\$31,344 and under
4	\$6,696	\$16,968	\$18,850	\$25,068 and under	\$25,080 to \$28,272	\$28,284 to \$37,704	\$25,080 to \$37,704	\$37,704 and under
5	\$7,800	\$19,824	\$22,030	\$29,304 and under	\$29,316 to \$33,048	\$33,060 to \$44,064	\$29,316 to \$44,064	\$44,064 and under
6	\$8,796	\$22,692	\$25,210	\$33,528 and under	\$33,540 to \$37,812	\$37,824 to \$50,424	\$33,540 to \$50,424	\$50,424 and under
7	\$9,204	\$25,548	\$28,390	\$37,764 and under	\$37,776 to \$42,588	\$42,600 to \$56,784	\$37,776 to \$56,784	\$56,784 and under
8	\$9,696	\$28,416	\$31,570	\$41,988 and under	\$42,000 to \$47,352	\$47,364 to \$63,144	\$42,000 to \$63,144	\$63,144 and under
9	\$10,200	\$31,284	\$34,750	\$46,212 and under	\$46,224 to \$52,128	\$52,140 to \$69,504	\$46,224 to \$69,504	\$69,504 and under
10	\$10,800	\$34,152	\$37,930	\$50,436 and under	\$50,448 to \$56,904	\$56,916 to \$75,864	\$50,448 to \$75,864	\$75,864 and under
11	\$11,304	\$37,020	\$41,110	\$54,660 and under	\$54,672 to \$61,680	\$61,692 to \$82,224	\$54,672 to \$82,224	\$82,224 and under
12	\$11,904	\$39,888	\$44,290	\$58,884 and under	\$58,896 to \$66,456	\$66,468 to \$88,584	\$58,896 to \$88,584	\$88,584 and under
13	\$12,504	\$42,756	\$47,470	\$63,108 and under	\$63,120 to \$71,232	\$71,244 to \$94,944	\$63,120 to \$94,944	\$94,944 and under
14	\$13,200	\$45,624	\$50,650	\$67,332 and under	\$67,344 to \$76,008	\$76,020 to \$101,304	\$67,344 to \$101,304	\$101,304 and under
15	\$13,896	\$48,492	\$53,830	\$71,556 and under	\$71,568 to \$80,784	\$80,796 to \$107,664	\$71,568 to \$107,664	\$107,664 and under
16	\$14,604	\$51,360	\$57,010	\$75,780 and under	\$75,792 to \$85,560	\$85,572 to \$114,024	\$75,792 to \$114,024	\$114,024 and under